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**ROBBERS GET 25 YEARS**

**IN PENITENTIARY.**

Grand Larceny and Burglary Was The Charge—Jury Out Less Than Two Hours.

Jesse A. Prunty and H. Funk, accused of robbing the Farber Bank on the night of November 14, 1917, arrested at Peoria, Ill., had their hearing in the Audrain County Circuit Court this week.

The wives of both men attended their husbands and during any short recess of the trial all engaged in close and earnest conversation.

Many spectators watched the proceedings listening to the testimony from beginning to end.

Prunty is a university graduate and rather a florid looking fellow. Funk is not of so impressing an appearance. The latter testified that he owned a saloon and sold automobiles. We didn't get what Prunty professed as his calling.

The doors of the vault and safe of the bank—broken and shattered—were shown in Court. Likewise the gripful of silver dollars found in Funk and Prunty's automobile when they were arrested was shown in evidence. It took two men to carry the grip—it was weighty.

The first witness called was Judge J. D. Sutton, cashier of the bank. He gave testimony regarding the amount of money and kind of money in the bank on the night of the robbery of it.

C. W. May, assistant cashier of the bank, identified certain of the wrappings on the coins found in the grip.

Rev. N. E. McCoy testified that he was the owner of the auto in which Funk and Prunty were arrested. The machine was stolen from him at Slater, Mo.

One of the men testified that he had never been in Missouri. They were arrested at Peoria for riding in an auto without a license tag. When the auto was searched the grip full of money was found. The men were then held for the authorities in Missouri.

R. D. Rodgers, County Attorney, prosecuted the case here while A. C. Whitson defended. The jury was composed of the following:

E. L. Gregory, Gray Wilson, C. M. Fox, John Fecht, J. W. Walker, A. J. Crum, P. D. Riggs, C. T. Crane, E. M. Morris, J. B. Woolery, R. N. Armstrong, and J. K. Crews.

The Jury took the case at 1:15 yesterday afternoon; at 3:00 o'clock they brought in a verdict of 25 years in the penitentiary for each of the men.

**THE OLD TOWN CLOCK**

**A SHORT SOLILOQUY.**

By L. R. F.

"My, but the sleet does cut a fellow's face, especially when he has been exposed to the weather for so many years.

"I remember how the people stared up at me and how I stared down upon them when I was new. What changes have taken place since I was put here. Little children at the last stroke of nine cast hurried, frightened glances at my honest, open face and ran for school. How gladly I would have turned back the hands of time to quiet their beating hearts, but time and tide wait for no one, and if the children lowered the bulletin board they have no doubt forgotten it, for many are now grown up children.

"No, it will never do to shirk, for Tom Reiley would have wrenches and plyers, hammers and oil and would give me such an overhauling I would be glad to behave.

Anxious eyes have been turned upon me as some loved one lay fighting the battle with Death, and as the hours passed and the battle waged in favor of the stricken one hope grew stronger as I marked off the hours.

"But where are the familiar faces of those of yesterday, the men who placed me in such an exalted position, the men who planned the green grass of summer in my yard, for the weary one to stretch out on under one of my trees, to get right next to dear old Mother Earth, that strengthens and encourages and energizes?"

**FORE SIGHT**

The average man would not attempt to build a house without the service of an architect.

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Where are the dear ones who met in the Court Room below thirty years ago to plan and give of their hard earned money to the enterprise of the day? They loved this old town. They gave of their money to see it grow—to make it beautiful, a fit place for those who should come after. I miss them: James Pasqueth, Judge W. O. Forrist, J. F. Llewellyn, J. D. Morris, Tom Board, W. H. French, G. D. Ferris, W. A. Morris, P. M. Morris, Jim Bush, Dr. A. M. Patterson, W. D. McIntyre, D. H. McIntyre, Hiram Ricketts, B. L. Locke, T. J. Marshall, J. M. Marmaduke, B. F. Dobyns, Joe Barth, Louis Phillips, Joe Botts, Henry Williams, J. V. Williams, W. L. Reed, John Gregg, J. M. Robards, Wash Early, Tom Reed, E. E. Jones, Samuel Shryock, Norman Lackland, David and Bill Woodward, the Son-tags, and others. They have fallen, asleep and others have come to take their places, to build new factories to give of their time and money to new enterprises, all for the good of the town not thru any selfish scheme, but to help help the other fellow as well. Those who are gone were men who could see into the future, who saw, thru the mind's eye, the smoke of factories, the splendid schools and church buildings—thru sheer force and pluck—now realities.

Should their worthy successors not be encouraged? Should you not spend the round pieces of silver you call dollars in their midst? O God, no one on the outside knows what sacrifices have been made. What many have suffered in heart aches, by dull days and by drouths. But such men are always winners. The best hotels, the best churches, the best factories, the best schools for many miles around, is their satisfaction.

If people could only realize that by trading at home it means more money left at home, higher real estate values, prosperity, higher farm values—for catalog houses tear down instead of building up a community. But there, there, now, I am on a ticklish subject.

"But the other night, while everyone was asleep, I heard the wind whisper, that if the merchants would insist upon their out-of-town customers going to dinner with them occasionally, and getting acquainted with the whole family, for you know little Jimmie will take his father's place some day and sell the groceries or the drugs, or tin-cups. It would let your customer know you appreciate his trade, and the catalog house mail would not be so heavy.

"But there, there, I am about to strike six, so I will close this soliloquy before some one accuses me of talking."

As the hour of six rang out the tired clerks and merchants started for their homes. Then the old clock was heard to remark, "Let me see I believe it was the old fiddler, John Lyons, who said, six o'clock is the best hour of the day."

**C. L. COLDWELL.**

Mr. C. L. Coldwell, 52 years old, died at his home in Mexico Tuesday of cancer. The wife survives besides the following children: Maggie, Ella, Carrie Ethel, and John Edward. The following brothers and sisters survive: William and Buddie Coldwell, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, Mrs. Emily Burns and Mrs. Alice Byers.

Mr. Coldwell was born and reared near Benton City and for a number of years followed farming.

The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace.

Mrs. Abbie L. Snoddy and son, John, are home from a pleasant visit to relatives at Leavenworth, Kansas. While there Mrs. Snoddy was impressed with the great improvements in buildings and increased facilities for military movements.

Mr. Geo. Swanton, of this city, received word yesterday of the sudden death of his son-in-law, Mr. Elbert, at Cullom, Ill. Mr. Elbert was about 35 years of age and leaves a wife and three children.

The draft age may be increased, we are told. From 31 to 40 or 45 years. That was the proposition in the first place, but Congress dallied and compromised, and the case was lost. The higher age would better distribute burdens, it is thought.

**HIGH ENCONIUM FOR MEXICO SCHOOLS.**

Columbia, Mo. Jan. 5, 1918.—Board of Education, Mexico, Mo. Gentlemen: I have examined the report of the Teacher-Training Inspector on the Public Schools of Mexico. I think no report has come to me which shows a better condition of affairs than is found in the Mexico High School. I wish especially to commend the following things in your high school.

1. Your student government, which seems to work entirely satisfactory. Your supervised study, which is working out more thoroughly than that found in any other Teacher Training High School in the State. Your military drill, which is superior to that of any other high school outside of the cities. Your special and gym work for the girls, which is worked out thoroughly. The provision for individual differences among your pupils, which is superior to that found in any other high school outside of the cities, so far as I can determine. I wish to make the following recommendations:

1. I wish to urge upon the Board of Education the importance of carrying out the plans which have been started by your superintendent and your high school principal. I wish to urge you to make adequate appropriations to allow your high school to continue work as a leader.

Yours very truly,

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**McGEE-BEIS NUPTIALS.**

Fred J. McGee, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. McGee, of Mexico, and Miss Edna Beis of Kansas City were married a few days ago at Lawton, Oklahoma.

Mr. McGee enlisted from Mexico last summer in the Fifth Missouri and has been in army training at Ft. Doniphan for some time. He was formerly with the Eagle Printing Co. of Chicago.

Mrs. Ed Duty, formerly of Mexico, is in the hospital in her home city, St. Louis, quite ill.

C. C. Ingram at Laddonia is very ill.

Jesse Letton and J. I. Gibson, north of Wellsville were pleasant callers at Message headquarters Saturday.

**NORTH MOLINO LETTER.**

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fisher received a fine New Year's present—a fine boy. The Molino Red Cross Chapter met at Mrs. Flynt's Wednesday of last week and sewed all day. The Red Cross ladies of Rowena met with Mrs. Rude Maddox and also sewed all day.

I tell you we are sorry to see the Interurban Line from Mexico to Santa Fe close down. They say it is likely it will soon begin operations again. Well, it can't start too quick to suit most of us out here.

Buddie Cawthorn bot two nice gifts from R. L. Miller, Saturday, paying \$44.00 for the two.

Little Joe, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ridgeway, is dangerously ill.—Later. Little Joe died Wednesday morning, this week, at about 8 o'clock. No arrangements as yet as to the funeral, tho it is supposed it will be held some time Thursday. A sister is expected from Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Worley are home from near Nevada, Mo., where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Worley, who died suddenly.

Went Miller, who has lived in Texas for several years, has moved back to Missouri.

**BACK TO THE FARM.**

On account of the resignation of John E. Callahan, mail messenger at the Mexico Postoffice, bids for the carrying of the mails from the Postoffice and the Chicago & Alton railway stations are being solicited. Those who are interested in submitting a proposal may obtain full information as to the service required and proposal blanks from Postmaster Jackson.

Callahan has been serving as mail messenger since the present Federal Building was occupied in August, 1913. It is said that his services have been most satisfactory and the reason for his resigning is that he contemplates moving to a farm.



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Gray Wilson and son, Stanley, near Molino, bought 80 acres of land of Louis Hofreighter at \$75 an acre. It just fits Messrs Gray out, all right, making them 320 acres in a body—a fine farm it is. They value the farm at \$25,000.

E. C. Myers from Bloomington, Ill. has moved to Mexico. He is located in one of the J. B. Botkins dwellings. He represents the J. I. Case Co.